

The Gift of Giving

Donation drive collects items for children in need



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Maryville residents came together to collect items and pack shoe boxes for the organization Operation Christmas Child, which provides kids in third world countries with Christmas gifts.

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Maryville's Calvary Chapel amassed shoeboxes full of gifts for struggling children in countries around the world for Operation Christmas Child. The collection happened dur-

ing this year's National Collection week Nov. 14-21, offering the Maryville community a chance to donate child-appropriate toys, hygiene products and school supplies, as well as a friendly note to the child. Samaritan's Purse sponsors Operation Christmas Child and

it includes a bible in the gift recipient's language, as well as an activity book about Jesus. According to its website, Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world.

Maryville Residents Andrea and JC Dirks oversaw Operation Christmas Child in Maryville this year. Andrea and JC have previous experience volunteering for the weeklong event and took it upon themselves to run this year's operation after enjoying their past experiences.

"This year went smoothly," JC Dirks said. "We implemented some new promotion ideas that turned out wonderfully, which allowed us to get Operation Christmas Child into schools and clubs."

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City, University move forward with Multipurpose Complex



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Maryville City Council passed the Bed Tax, which will add a 5 percent surcharge on hotel stays in order to help the cost of the Multi-Purpose complex.

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Northwest Missouri State University and the Maryville Tourism Board set forth plans for the new Multipurpose Complex, after the passage of the bed tax.

The Nov. 8 ballot saw the approval of the bed tax, a 5 percent surcharge on hotel stays to help fund tourism projects, including the new Multipurpose Complex. The tax saw a majority approval, with 2,156 voting yes and 1,659 voting no.

According to Maryville.org, the Northwest Multipurpose Complex is set to be bid on in March 2017. Construction is scheduled for summer 2017, and the school is hoping it will be completed by the end of summer 2018. The Northwest Multipurpose Complex is to be located just northwest of College Park Drive and Bearcat Stadium on the Northwest campus.

The building will have an economic impact. It is projected to create approximately 9,465 new jobs, as well as bring in an extra \$617.5 million in regional income per year.

The funding for the building is coming from a variety of different public and private sources. The bed tax will also fund a huge part of the \$3.45 million project, covering an estimated \$215,000 in additional annual funding to advance tourism and economic development efforts over the next 23 years. About \$150,000 will go toward the Multipurpose Complex, but the rest will be used by a joint committee to market Maryville and drive tourism.

Along with aiding tourism, the complex is profitable for sports players as well. The 137,250 square foot complex will have an indoor 300-meter track, 100-yard practice turf, recreation and exhibition space and tiered meeting rooms. Freshman cheerleader Chandler Clement notes how it will help attract students and community members to campus.

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The West Third building has deemed dangerous by the city but repairs have begun.

Building obtains needed repairs

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Contractors begin to repair a building city officials evacuated and deemed unsafe earlier this month.

The building, located at the corner of West Third Street, neighbors The Rose Theater. It was home to Miss Whitney's Elite School of Dance on the ground floor and three apartments on the second floor, all owned by Maryville resident Michael Smith.

Municipal Code Enforcement Officer Jim Wiederholt said after they received a call from a concerned citizen, an inspection of the building revealed it to be dangerous and city officials evacuated the dance studio and tenants above.

Junior Brian Wackly, who lived in the Third Street apartments, said his roommate had pointed out the bowed wall, but Smith said he had contractors coming to fix it. However, before the contractors arrived, the city evacuated the building.

"I was trying to take a nap after classes when I heard a knock on my front door. The lady who owned the dance studio, a police officer and the city code enforcer were waiting outside. The code enforcer told me to grab whatever I thought I'd need for two to four days and get out," Wackly said.

After he was evacuated, Wackly lived on campus for about two weeks at the expense of Smith, but eventually found a new apartment and terminated his lease for the apartment at

the corner of West Third Street.

Wiederholt said the owner of the building hired Tim Monson from Shuck Britton Incorporated Consulting Engineers to conduct a structural analysis of the building and make recommendations for repairs.

"Basically, his conclusion was that the first floor joist had rotted at the bearing points and that allowed the wall to move. That is why there was exterior cracking and a bulge in the wall," Wiederholt said. "His summary was that damages from the wall rotation were significant and needed immediate repairs. (He recommended) shores (or props) be installed at the first and second floor joists, that beam support be installed for the west exterior and finally that the damaged portion of the west wall be removed and replaced."

According to Wiederholt, he believes the building's age could be a reason why the wall bulged. Wiederholt said he believes the building was built in the late 1880s or early 1890s, a time period where buildings were built with unreinforced masonry. Unreinforced masonry is a kind of construction without steel rebar supporting the building. Wiederholt said it was just brick-on-brick.

Wiederholt said the shoring process has started and repairs are being conducted by Bombara Masonry.

"I was at the building this morning and the contractor is working on the shoring right now, so repairs have started," Wiederholt said.

Critics argue labeling will give GMOs bad reputation

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A measure signed by President Obama will soon provide consumers with additional information pertaining to ingredients found in food products.

In late July, President Obama approved a bill amending the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national disclosure standard for bioengineered foods and for other purposes. The bill requires foods with genetically modified ingredients to be labelled with words, pictures or barcodes, scannable by smartphones.

Supporter of the measure, Just Label It Chairman Gary Hirshbery, said in a statement released National Public Radio “the fight for national mandatory GMO transparency now shifts to the USDA and to the marketplace, where companies should think twice before they remove GMO labels from their packages.” Non-supporter American Soybean Association President Richard Wilkins argued that “mandatory labeling of GMOs suggests that those foods are inferior or unsafe, which is simply not true.”

According to Cosmopolitan magazine, the statement, “GMOs are not safe,” is a commonly held misconception. Assistant Professor of Agronomy Dr. Thomas Zweifel said there is a great difficulty in understanding the concept of safe.

“I would argue that nothing is 100 percent safe,” Zweifel said. “So then, it becomes a matter of relative risk versus reward. And in that scale of safe, I think GMOs are enormously safe. We have served billions of meals of GMO products, and there has been no reported ill effects from any credible source.”

Another common misconception,



Activists take part in a global protest against GMOs and agricultural giant Monsanto. Marching from Columbia Circle in downtown Syracuse, New York on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013, protesters held signs and chanted anti-GMO slogans.

tion, outlined by Cosmopolitan magazine, is “GMOs are not tested.” Before being released into the market, a GMO must go through various stages of testing. Dr. Zweifel notes three different regulatory agencies that analyze and test GMOs, ensuring safety for the grower, environment and beneficial insects and consumers.

“The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) looks at safe development, so the GMO won’t be released in the environment prematurely or recklessly. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) looks at any product that is reported to have the properties of a pesticide. In other words, if we put a gene in that will help the plant defend

itself against insects, then the EPA looks to see that the modification is as safe as the pesticide. If it’s going to be a food product, the FDA will look for the equivalency of nutritions, ‘Are there any anti-nutritionals that come about?’ So it’s a little different pathway depending on exactly what’s going to happen, but basically we use our best science to try to detect any potential problems,” Zweifel said.

Cosmopolitan magazine also notes confusion in regards to the purpose of GMOs, with citizens claiming GMOs are just a way for big corporations to make money. Not only do GMOs prove beneficial to big producers, but growers,

consumers and the environment as well. Associate Professor of Biology Jeffry Thornsberry says in some cases, growers use GMOs with certain enhanced characteristics, leading to better organisms for agricultural production.

“For example, there is this stuff called Bt corn, where they’ve taken a gene from bacteria and stuck it inside of a corn plant that wouldn’t normally have that gene. That bacterial gene is actually producing a toxin protein that is basically acting as an insecticide. This is a natural substance, something that bacteria normally produce on their own, but we’re giving the plants the ability to make it for itself. As a result,

there’s some good, solid data to suggest a dramatic reduction, in terms of the amount of insect damage that these caterpillar-like insects are able to produce.”

Thornsberry notes there have been concerns in regards to the use of Bt corn.

“There were fears that it was having an impact on Monarch butterfly caterpillars,” Thornsberry said. “Those caterpillars don’t eat corn, they eat milkweed. Milkweed is typically found around the edges of a corn field, and so the fear was that they would eat some of the pollen that came from those Bt plants, and that would have an adverse effect upon them. While it is true that Bt-containing pollen can have an impact on the organism, it would take a mound of pollen to have a physiological effect.”

Thornsberry says GMOs can also be used to protect crops from conventional herbicides, such as Roundup.

“Typically what happens is plants coming into contact with Roundup are going to die as a result of exposure. However, if a foreign gene has been stuck into those plants to give them the ability to fight off the effects, you now have plants that are resistant to that product. So you can basically spray your field with Roundup, kill all the weeds in the field and your genetically modified corn plants that have the Roundup resistant gene inside of them are going to be able to survive in that environment. What you’re able to do is minimize the amount of disruption. You can kill those weeds off simply with a chemical application.”

Thornsberry adds that this development has a positive effect on the environment as well.

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Annual Yuletide Feaste celebration features an elegant dinner and more than 50 musicians, singers, actors, lords, ladies and royal personages in full regalia at J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Dec. 11, 2015.

Madraliers celebrate holiday season

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The 75th annual Yuletide Feaste will feature a night filled with entertaining performances and delicious, hearty food.

The Feaste will be held in the ballroom of the J. W. Jones Student Union Dec. 9 and 10 at 6:30 p.m. The Feaste features performances by the Northwest Madraliers, the Recorder Consort and the Royale Brass Quintet and features a meal catered to the time period of Tudor England. Brian Lanier, conductor of the

Madraliers, along with other members of the Madraliers, begin preparation for the Feaste early on to make the performance as seamless as possible.

“The preparation for the Feaste begins early in the semester with the selection of music for the production,” Lanier said. “Posters are printed, tickets are prepared, programs are designed and the ballroom, along with the top floor of the Union, are decorated to resemble a 16th century castle. The Brass Quintet and the Recorder Consort rehearse for many weeks to prepare their music.”

The Feaste transports the audience back in time by adhering to all aspects of the performance and food to the time period of Tudor England.

“A lot of us take on the character of a Renaissance time period,” May said. “We talk in a British accent and we make fun of modern day technology like phones and stuff. It makes the whole experience a lot more fun for us and those attending the show.”

Tickets for the Feaste cost \$29.75. While this may seem like a high price for many college students, the cost is a small price to pay for the experience.

“Something people should

know, especially college students, is that the Feaste is really worth the money,” senior Madraliers member Ashtyn Clay said. “There is acting that is quite funny, the performance is really good, you get a delicious meal and you get to listen to some fantastic music. It definitely gets you in the Christmas spirit.”

The Feaste, featuring a dinner and performances, is really meant to focus on the holiday spirit and help the audience get into the festive mood.

“This event gives our students the opportunity to see and hear some outstanding musical performances,” Lanier said. “Perhaps even more im-

portantly, it gives us all a chance to stop among the stressful day-to-day activities we all are involved with and reflect on the beauty of the holiday season, to appreciate the things we have and spend quality time with family and friends in a beautiful setting.”

Tickets may be purchased until the day before the performance or until they are sold out, and may be bought by check or cash in Room 101 of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Attendance is limited to 320 guests for each night and therefore tickets will not be sold at the door.



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Rick Gonzalez was named the Grand Marshall Grinch for the community parade.

Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce names parade Grand Marshall Grinch

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The Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce has named the Grand Marshall Grinch for this year’s community Christmas parade.

Board member and volunteer at New Nodaway Humane Society Rick Gonzalez received word of his recognition Nov. 29.

Donation boxes were set out at Hy-Vee and Wal-Mart in Maryville for shoppers to cast \$1 votes. All funds collected by Nov. 28 would go to the winner’s nonprofit organization.

Gonzalez will lead the parade dressed up as the iconic Christmas Dr. Seuss character, the Grinch, spreading Christmas cheer to those attending.

Gonzalez heard of the opportunity in early November and agreed, knowing how much it would assist his non-

profit. He submitted his paperwork and a story about his contribution at the Humane Society to register.

“We are a nonprofit organization and we do get funding from the city every year. We try to get donations and we do fundraising in town, in Maryville,” Gonzalez said. “All the money that comes in from donations, yearly fundraising and funding from the city, goes into our budget. We allocate the funds to different locations for medical care, food and supply and it also goes towards the salary of full-time staff.”

This year’s potential Maryville Grinches consisted of Gonzalez, Charlotte Steins, Bob Bohlken, David Primm and Bob Westfall.

Gonzalez said he spends five hours a day at the New Nodaway Humane Society, trying to find homes for the animals living there.

Northwest Missouri State freshman Ciera Maguire is a member of Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness, which picked out dogs to walk in the Northwest Missouri State’s homecoming parade.

Maguire enjoyed spending time with all of the animals while volunteering at the New Nodaway Humane Society.

“My time there was fulfilling,” Maguire said. “I plan to be a veterinarian, so being around animals makes me feel at peace and like I am making a difference, and that’s also what brings me back there.”

The parade begins at 2nd and Main and goes north on Main to 7th at Franklin Park. A public Winter Wonderland will take place three blocks north of the square where a Santa’s Cottage will be open. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2.

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OUR VIEW:

Stalking is not love, you cannot force it

Relationships can be difficult to deal with. Your insecurities may lead you to stalk your partner.

Relationships always start out full of passion. You and your significant other are head over heels for each other. Every moment you spend with each other is bliss. However, this feeling does not always last. Your lover might fall out of love and think about leaving you. This is where the problems begin.

You stop trusting your partner. You make up scenarios in your mind about what he or she is doing. Is she really with her friends or is she seeing someone else behind your back? Is he really just having a boy's night out or is he trying to pick up a girl at Molly's?

The only way to know for sure is to drive by where she claims to be or

have one of your friends spy on your man to make sure he is not flirting with another girl. You call and text him constantly to curb your anxiety. You decide to hit her so she will be too scared to ever leave you.

In 2014, the Center for Disease control found 61 percent of female and 44 percent of male stalking victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner. 67 percent of female victims have been physically abused by their current or former intimate partner.

Stalkers do a variety of things to monitor their victims including following and showing up where the victim is staying, sending unwanted gifts, damaging property, driving by or hanging out at the victim's home or work, threatening to hurt the victim or their family and spreading

false rumors.

These tactics are somehow meant to win the victim's affection. Stalkers try to frighten victims into a relationship with them.

Victims of stalking live in constant fear. They often feel unsafe and have trust issues. This leads to anxiety, depression, problems sleeping, eating disorders and having disturbing thoughts about what might happen next.

This is not how someone you love should feel when he or she thinks about you. Your partner would be happy to see you, not terrified. His or her memories of you should bring nothing but nostalgia.

You can not force someone to love you. Your relationship might have been great, but things change. People are fickle. She might have

wanted to be with the life of the party before, but now she wants someone who makes sure everyone gets home safe. He might have wanted someone spontaneous but now wants someone consistent.

If you truly cared about the person you were with, you might have to let them go even though you do not want to. If your partner wants a break to figure out what he or she wants, respect the decision and give them space. Your partner might be scared of commitment as much as you are, or he or she just wants to make sure you are the one.

You will only make things worse if you constantly pester or stalk your significant other.

If the relationship is truly over, you have to move on no matter how much it hurts. If you resort to scaring

someone into being with you or following him or her around, it shows you never actually cared about or loved that person.

If you are being stalked or abused, please get help. You might be scared of what could happen if you try to leave, but things will get so much better once you are out of the situation.

You will find someone much better. He will always show you kindness and treat you like a princess. She will show you how much she loves you every second of every day. He or she will treat you how you deserve to be treated.

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GMOs pose no threat to health of the public

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People often dislike and even fear change. Throughout the past ten years, genetically modified organisms (GMOs) have become prevalent in our society. There is a strong debate on whether or not their existence is harmful. Personally, I do not think genetically modified crops are bad for our world.

GMOs, first created in the 1980s, are organisms with modified genes. According to Responsible Technology, the DNA of one species is extracted and artificially forced into the genes of an unrelated plant or animal.

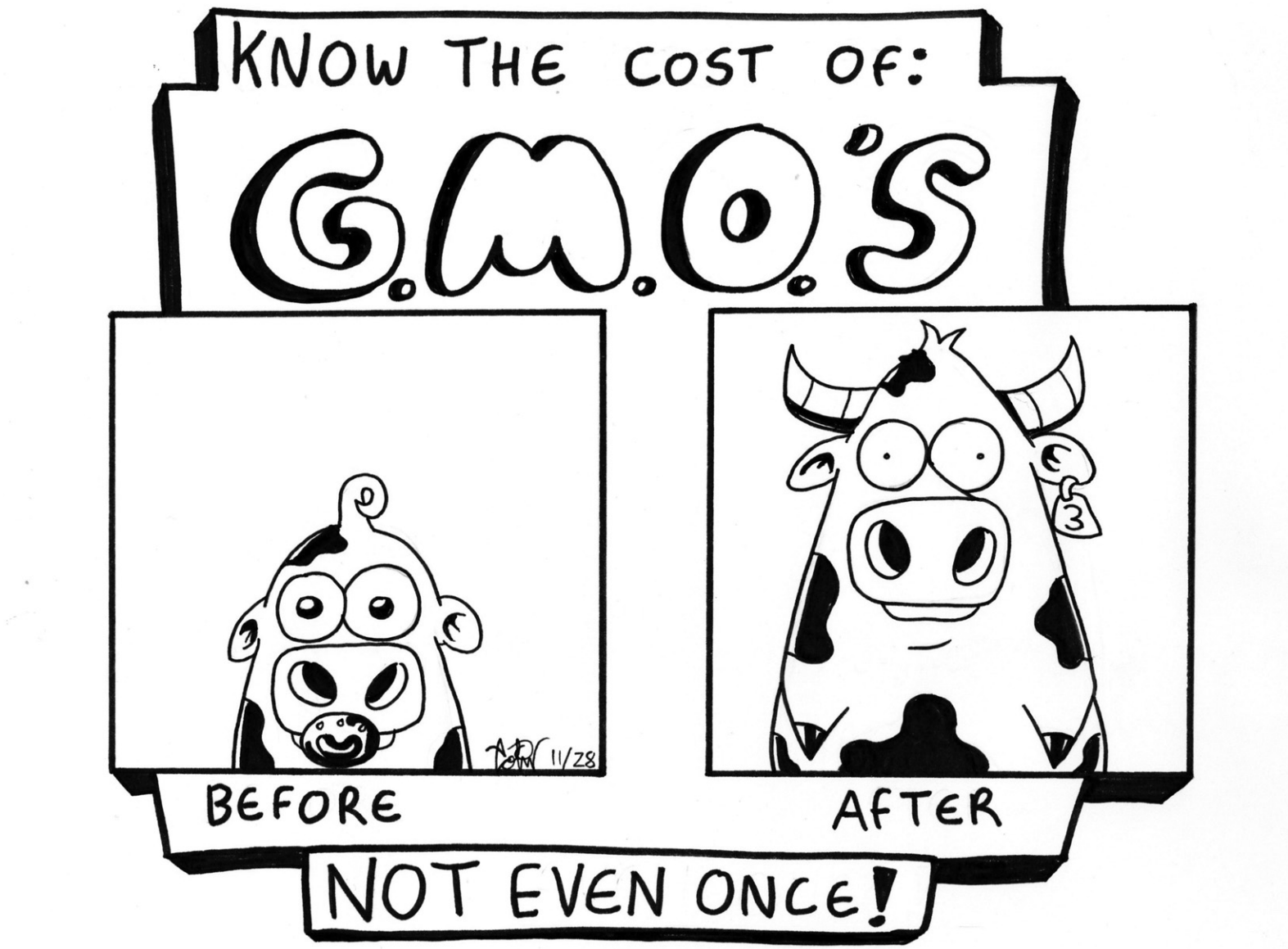
Some crops have been genetically modified to carry pest resistant traits. This means a higher production yield, which means more food is produced. This also means less pesticides need to be used on these plants.

According to www.classes.soe.ucsc.edu, using less chemicals on crops allows less use of resources. GMO crops require less upkeep than regular plants. This can benefit the environment because less upkeep means less greenhouse gas emissions and soil erosion. GMOs are also used to improve the nutritional content and shelf life of various foods.

Junior Kenzie Miller is an animal science major. She does not think GMO plants or animals are dangerous. Miller grew up in a rural community and has studied agriculture since she was a freshman in high school.

"Growing up in a rural community, I was able to have an educated background on GMOs," Miller said. "I have learned the ins and outs of what they are and why they are needed for common agriculture farming."

Miller believes GMO crops increase yield and GMO animals are more resistant to diseases than non-GMO animals. Miller wishes more people realized GMOs do not make people sick. She feels because of the media and labeling, many people



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think GMOs are harmful.

"Certain organizations that are very popular within the media have decided to be against GMOs and fill society's minds with incorrect information," Miller said.

Bearcat Kayla Elson is an agronomy major. She, like Miller, does not believe GMOs are bad. Elson comes from five generations of farmers. She also has been interest-

ed in and studied GMOs and trait developments for the past eight years.

"My knowledge is greatest in row crops," Elson said. "I have personally seen the benefit of corn hybrids on our farm, such as lodging and insect and disease resistance that has allowed my family to continually raise a crop each year and provide income for us for another year."

Elson has also visited GMO re-

search labs and breeding farms. She encourages people uninformed about GMOs to ask questions. She would also like people to know only a certain amount of crops are genetically modified in common agriculture production.

"I would highly encourage anyone unsure about them to ask a farmer, agriculture student or anyone in the industry," Elson said. "It is im-

portant to gain an understanding from those whose livelihood depends on agriculture advancements in trait development."

I also grew up in a rural community and come from many generations of farmers. It is important to understand what GMOs really are and what they do, and to appreciate the people who dedicate their lives to growing better food for us.

Your five-year plan will not dictate my life choices

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I am 22 years old and I have no desire to follow the typical American dream life plan.

Throughout the past few years, a countless amount of my friends and relatives have announced their engagements and pregnancies. I occa-

sionally even see a few happen per week. Although I am generally happy for these people, these milestones are not in my foreseeable future, by my choice.

I am sure I am not the only college-aged student faced with the dreaded holiday question, "So, are you seeing anyone?" This is a question I am bound to be asked by at least one grandparent on each side of my family at every Thanksgiving or Christmas gathering, and honestly, I am sick of it.

Why do I have to be dating

someone? Why is the person I am on my own not enough? Do not get me wrong, I would love to have a family someday, but that day is not today.

Here is the thing: there is no single life plan to fit every person perfectly. Why should I be engaged by age 23, married by age 25 and have a child by age 27 just because my peers are? What works for them does not work for me and may not work for everyone else.

I do not scrutinize my friends and relatives for being engaged or

married at a certain age, so I would like to receive the same respect I give them.

I am enough for me.

I would rather work on myself and grow into the person I aspire to be instead of growing a relationship or a human being. My degree and future career are the major items on my mind right now, not an engagement ring. I need to be my best self before I can focus on making a relationship the best it can be or raising a child to be his or her best.

If you are engaged, married or raising a child at my age and making it work, I am proud of you. To my parents and grandparents who were all married and had one or more children at my age, I am proud of you. Be proud of me for knowing when I am not ready for something and accept it for what it is. I promise I will give you your grandchildren when I feel I am ready.

I am 22 years old and I will not follow your life plan just because you think I should.

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This year roused 730 boxes from Maryville community members. “It is an excellent family tradition of helping others. We encourage all who are able to participate and spread the word,” said JC Dirks. “We want to thank everyone in the community who participated this year. Every box is a child, and every child is a soul reached for Jesus.”

Since 1970, Samaritan’s Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine with the purpose of sharing God’s love through his son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the church worldwide to promote the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

An article in Nodaway News has Andrea Dirks’ take on the impact of Operation Christmas Child.

“Over 11 million boxes are sent out worldwide each year,” Andrea said. “And many are into war-torn countries where children may not know about Jesus. The gifts we donate come with the message of Jesus and his love for them and that is huge.”

Other Samaritan’s Purse projects include International Crisis Response, The Great Journey, U.S. Disaster Relief, World Medical Mission, Children’s Heart Project and Operation Heal Our Patriots.



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“I honestly think it’s a great investment for the school,” Clement said. “As an athlete, I know for prospective athletes that this would make a huge impact on their decision to come here, be-

Blotters for the week of December 1

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Nov. 10
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1300 block of South Main.

Nov. 11
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 600 block of South Main.

A summons was issued to **Casey M. Hayes**, 17, for possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1500 block of South Munn Avenue.

Nov. 14
There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 300 block of West Second Street.

A bicycle was recovered at the 500 block of North Mulberry.

Nov. 15
A summons was issued to **Regina M. Babcock**, 33, for trespassing at the 600 block of East Seventh Street.

Nov. 16
There is an ongoing investigation for forgery at the 1200 block of South Main.

University Police Department

Nov. 6
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing in Parking Lot 38.

Nov. 8
There is an ongoing investigation for fondling outside of North Complex.

A summons was issued to **Gavyn Redmond**, 18, for a drug violation at College Avenue.

Three summonses were issued to **Denny Nguyen**, 18, **James Rorh**, 18 and **Awan Theus**, 19, for a drug violation at Franken Hall.

There is an ongoing investigation for disorderly conduct at the 100 block of North Buchanan.

Nov. 17
There is an ongoing investigation for forgery at the 1200 block of South Main.

License plates were recovered at the 200 block of West 12th Street.

Nov. 18
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1800 block of South Main.

A summons was issued to **Kyle D. Kelmel**, 29, for driving while suspended at the 100 block of East Seventh Street.

Three summonses were issued to **Rachel A. Smith**, 20, **Sophia D. Schleppenbach**, 19 and **Madeline M. Bruder**, 19, for a peace disturbance and minor in possession.

Nov. 19
A bicycle was recovered at the 500 block of West Fifth Street.

A summons was issued to **Brandon J. Saxton**, 22, for excessive acceleration, speeding and failure to maintain right half of roadway

at the 100 block of East Third Street.

A summons was issued to **Taylor M. Legrone**, 23, for failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 500 block of North Main.

A summons was issued to **Madison M. Cassavaugh**, 19, for minor in possession at the 400 block of North Market. Within the same incident, a summons was issued to **Lily L. Uelligger**, 19, Worth, for minor in possession and littering.

Nov. 20
A summons was issued to **James L. Williams**, 21, for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market.

Authorities received a report of a debris fire at the 800 block of North Mulberry.

Nov. 22
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing at the 1400 block of South Main.

A summons was issued to **Aaron J. Walker**, 32, for failure to register a motor vehicle at the 300 block of West Jenkins.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1800 block of South Main.

A summons was issued to **Jackson R. Verwoert**, 20, for a fire-works violation at the 700 block of North Mulberry.

Nov. 23
A summons was issued to **Luis O Morales-Jimenez**, 28, for no valid driver’s license and improper display of license plates at the 900 block of South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 500 block of West 3rd Street.

Nov. 24
A summons was issued to **Dustin A. Piper Jr.**, 18, for minor in possession at the 300 block of East Fourth Street.

Nov. 26
A summons was issued to **Austin F. Haupt**, 19, for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market.

Nov. 27
A summons was issued to **Colton R. Oglevie**, 20, for no valid driver’s license and an equipment violation at the 600 block of North Dewey.

Nov. 10
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing at South Complex.

A summons was issued for stealing at Martindale Hall.

Nov. 13
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Perrin Hall.

A summons was issued to **Natalie Leonard**, 19, for minor in possession at Parking Lot 38.

A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at South Complex.

Nov. 14
Three summonses were issued

to **Nathaniel Ewbank**, 19, **Lillian Ohrt**, 18 and **Robert Pontalio**, 19, for a drug law violation at Milikan Hall.

Nov. 17
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Franken Hall.

Nov. 19
Two summonses were issued for a liquor law violation at South Complex.

A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Hudson Hall.

A summons was issued to **Victor Hernandez**, 18, Wahoo, Nebraska, for assault outside Hudson Hall.

Nov. 20
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Franken Hall.

Nov. 23
Two summonses were issued for a liquor law violation at Roberta Hall.

A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Willow Apartments.

Nov. 25
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Franken Hall.

Nov. 27
There is an ongoing investigation

cause not a lot of schools have something like it. It is really beneficial, not only to the athletes and the students, but the community as a whole.”

Junior quarterback Jonathan Baker talked about how much it will benefit the different sports teams and how they interact.

“It’s going to benefit each

team here at Northwest,” Baker said.

“The field can not only be used for the football team but for the baseball, softball and soccer teams. The track will obviously be for the track and field team. Indoor workouts and conditioning will be a possibility now and we can stay out of the basketball team’s way in the arena. So many

possibilities for all Northwest athletics are really exciting.”

Along with the sports additions, there will also be many community additions. There will be upper-level meeting rooms and removable flooring for formal events. The Tourism Board hopes to hold more events like graduations there in the future.

According to the Bed Tax Information Guide on Maryville.org, “The complex will serve as a host site for a wide range of University and community activities. The project represents the single largest public-private partnership in Northwest’s 111-year history – and one of the largest public-private partnerships ever in the region.”

NEWS BRIEF

Charges filed in manslaughter case

A Maryville man pleaded guilty to the Nodaway County Circuit Court Monday to first degree involuntary manslaughter. Nicolas Levi Bradshaw, 27, was arrested March 15 after Maryville Public Safety conducted a four-month-long investigation, into a child’s death. The offense that spurred the investigation took place Dec. 5, 2014 after a 10-month-old child under Bradshaw’s care was injured and sent to St. Francis hospital. Two days later, the child died at Children’s Mercy hospital. After authorities reviewed medical and pathological reports, it was concluded that the child’s death should be treated as a homicide. Bradshaw will be sentenced at the Nodaway County Courthouse Thursday, Jan. 12 at 10 a.m. First degree involuntary manslaughter is a felony and is punishable by up to seven years in prison and a maximum fine of \$5,000.

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Dalton Haberman

BMB drum major is ‘anything but normal’

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From sixth grade percussion band to Northwest’s drum major, senior Dalton Haberman found his passion on top of a ten foot ladder in front of 175 other musicians.

Haberman is a sixth year instrumental music education major and has loved every moment of his college experience.

Like many other students, Haberman came into college with a career decision made, only to make a drastic change.

“My major was interactive digital media, computer science and I switched to computer science,” Haberman said.

Haberman then continued his computer science major for three years. After the sixth semester, he realized he did not like his classes or his peers and was ultimately unhappy.

“When I got to college I still loved music, but I didn’t want to teach,” Haberman said. “I knew all of the things I did in high school and I did not want to be the teacher who had to deal with me. So, I looked at salaries and picked a career in computer science. Don’t pick money over passion.”

An ex-girlfriend is the one who finally convinced Haberman to switch to a music education major.

“The days instantly became longer and tougher, but I did not mind because it was something I wanted to do,” Haberman said.

Before college, Haberman grew up in Kearney, Missouri with his parents and two younger sisters. It was through the Kearney school music program that Haberman found his niche.

“We had great music teachers and a great music program. At the time, many of my music teachers were actually Northwest graduates,” Haberman said.

Haberman’s middle school made sixth graders choose between choir and band. Haberman knew his talent did not lie in singing and therefore joined the band’s percussion.

His teachers helped Haberman grow in his music skills and pushed him to continue with music.

“When I was going into eighth grade, I wanted to take an art class,” Haberman said. “My teacher, without telling me, changed my schedule and put me in jazz band instead. It was a good experience for me.”

More than just being talented, Haberman found a strong community with his music.

“You can pick a band geek out of a crowd,” Haberman said. “There is a certain way you behave around people and a particular outlook; there is an identity there. And those people were all my friends.”

Haberman was also involved in sports while growing up, but never quite got the hang of them.

“The last organized sport I played was football in high school,” Haberman said. “I think I would have done better at hockey and I don’t know how to

ice skate.”

Instead of organized sports, Haberman and his friends started playing ultimate frisbee. This pastime followed him into college.

“When I came to Northwest there was a group that met twice a week to play,” Haberman said. “It was kind of like the Sandlot. It wasn’t a club, you just showed up Monday and Wednesday at the turf and there was always a game.”

Haberman’s most important lessons were not required by his major.

“I learned more about myself, how to be a good student... and how to deal with other people. More than my studies, I learned how to be my own person and a person other people want to interact with,” Haberman said.

Being part of the Bearcat Marching Band has presented Haberman with various opportunities to meet people and make connections.

“When I got to be drum major for the band, I was immediately more noticeable... Complete strangers would tell me they were watching me and how great the band sounded,” Haberman said.

Haberman has also hosted the Homecoming variety show for the last two years with his roommate, Matthew Peacher.

One of the most recent exploits Haberman participated in was when he switched places with a cheerleader during a football game.

“He went and directed two songs and I cheered,” Haberman said. “Now whenever I go near the cheerleaders, they just give me a megaphone.”

Director of Athletic Bands and Haberman’s academic advisor Kathryn Strickland remembers the switch quite well.

“I had no idea any of this was going on until it was already done,” Strickland said. “It was a hoot. Collin was great, and Dalton didn’t drop anyone, so all’s well that ends well.”

Now Haberman set a precedent others expect him to follow.

“Now the Steppers are asking me to dance with them,” Haberman said.

The dancing does not make Haberman nervous, it is the uniforms.

“The crop tops don’t matter, it’s the pants I am mostly concerned about.”

Haberman describes himself as a genuinely happy person. Since switching to an instrumental music education major, he is happier pursuing a career he is passionate about.

He is also a hopeless romantic.

“There is also the wonderful experience of chasing a girl and finally getting her,” Haberman said. “Then going through all of the relationship benchmarks are great: first date, first kiss and the first time you said you loved them.”

Even though he is not in a relationship now, those moments still bring him happiness.

However, Haberman also knows relationships can bring pain. In fact, one of his most difficult moments in life was just this

last summer.

“I know in the grand scheme of things, it doesn’t matter but... I got broken up with. But it was honestly the most lost I had ever felt,” Haberman said. “I thought I had found the one, but she did not feel that way. I did not have the emotional tools to really deal with that.”

Haberman struggled to cope in the following months.

“I did all of the standard things you tell your friends not to do after a breakup,” Haberman said. “I was so disappointed in myself, but I kept doing the things I knew I shouldn’t.”

Eventually, Haberman started focusing on the things in life that make him happy.

He leaves some advice for anyone going through what he did.

“Take a note from grandpa, it feels relieving to dwell on the sadness, but in the long run it will not make you feel better,” Haberman said.

He also points out how important it is to have a positive perspective of the situation.

“Ultimately, it means you were lucky. You are sad because you had something so good. But you have to start filling yourself back up with happiness, Haberman said. “It doesn’t have to be another person; it shouldn’t be another person. Do what you want to do.”

Haberman attributes a lot of his college success to his advisor, Strickland. She had an interesting first impression of Haberman.

“My first year at Northwest I didn’t know him well yet, and he asked on Halloween if he could come to band rehearsal dressed as Walter White from Breaking Bad,” Strickland said.

As she had not seen the show, she asked Haberman what he meant. Haberman replied that he wanted to come to practice in “tighty whities and a T-shirt.”

“My response: ‘Uh, no. Thanks for asking.’ I then asked one of my music colleagues ‘who is that Dalton kid? Is he normal?’” Strickland said.

Remembering the memory still makes Strickland laugh.

“Now I know he is anything but normal,” Strickland said.

Strickland also acknowledges all of the effort and enthusiasm Haberman brings to the band.

“He brings servant leadership with an extra dose of spirit,” Strickland said. “He keeps the energy moving when the group could easily be bored or tired, and is always concerned with the success of his peers.”

Because this is Haberman’s last semester on campus, Strickland knows there are big shoes left to fill for the next BMB drum major after this season. She is very proud of what he has accomplished in the last six years.

“Dalton can fool you. He loves to have a great time and can be the class clown, but he’s also very intelligent,” Strickland said. “He’s a deep thinker, very observant and is serious about producing quality work.”

Holiday stories

Kwanzaa provides Africans a taste of home

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A great portion of Americans are unaware of some of even the most basic traditions accompanying minority holidays. Kwanzaa is one of the holidays many Americans may feel a bit unfamiliar with.

Kwanzaa is a winter holiday lasting from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, and celebrates African heritage.

Maulana Karenga started the holiday in 1966, cementing Kwanzaa as the first specifically African American holiday. As of 1997, Karenga defines the celebration as “A holiday of family, community and culture” in order to remain as inclusive as possible.

Kwanzaa’s inclusive nature is further reinforced when it is taken into account many African Americans who celebrate Kwanzaa also celebrate Christmas.

Kwanzaa focuses on a seven candle kinara with each candle representing the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Rachel Sapp, a student at Mis-

souri Western, has traveled to many different parts of the world as part of her interest in other cultures and only considers herself to be mildly familiar with the holiday. While she feels she knows more than the general public, there is still a lot for her to learn.

“The candles symbolize the seven principles of Kwanzaa, so that’s unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. It’s actually a really cool holiday and it’s interesting to see how far it’s come in such a short period of time. I don’t personally celebrate it, but I know that a lot of the families that do celebrate it like to decorate their house just for Kwanzaa,” Sapp said.

Today, less than 2 percent of Americans celebrate the holiday. This small number contributes to the celebration’s unpopularity, leaving some Americans completely unaware of the holiday’s existence.

Robbie Kaufmen is a well-respected member of the St. Joseph community, but has never heard of

Kwanzaa. Because Kaufmen is well connected with different societies, he finds it surprising that he has never heard of Kwanzaa.

“Yeah, it sounds like there aren’t a ton of people who celebrate it, but you’d think I would have at least heard about it,” Kaufmen said.

Kaufmen feels that this may be attributed to his disconnection from much of the media presented on the internet and television.

“It might be because I don’t watch feel like I’m really all that addicted to social media or anything like that, but there’s a whole group of people that I just feel unfamiliar with in anyway now,” Kaufmen said. “And I had no idea that you could celebrate Kwanzaa while celebrating Christmas too. It just really shows how much I know.”

Kwanzaa celebration, at least on Northwest’s campus, has never been widely recognized, either. In 2012 there was a listing in the University calendar for a celebration, but there are no celebrations on the calendar now.



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The Kwanzaa unity cup (kikombe cha umoja) is used in many different ways over the course of the holiday.

You can survive the holidays with your family



“Sydney, how’s your boyfriend situation? Sydney, what are your grades like? Dear, have you put on a few pounds? What is your major?”

This was all my family could talk about over Thanksgiving.

If you are like me, you love and dread the holiday season at the same time. On one hand there is food and Christmas lights, and on the other is the copious amount of ridiculous questions I do not want to answer.

It really gets my goat. Family, I love you, I really do, but continuously asking me what my major is when I am a senior makes me think you do not really listen when I talk.

This year I sat at Thanksgiving and thought of all the things I was thankful for: StudyBlue and liter bottles of Barefoot wine. My crazy family was in this list as well, and I was also thankful for the fact that I have successfully figured out the five things to get me through the holidays.

As a senior I really believe I have this down to a science. Here are the five ways to handle your family and all the ridiculous things they have done or will do this holiday season.

- 1. Take a nap**
When you walk in the door, just walk straight to your room. If you are lucky and have a lock, turn it. Get under the covers and hide. With some luck you will not be noticed and your family will not bother you.
- 2. Smile and nod**

When your grandma is going on about how great all of your cousins are doing and asks you why you are not getting married and having babies, just smile, nod and calmly try to explain that no one who still survives off ramen is going to make a suitable significant other or parent.

3. Have a pint of Ben and Jerry’s on hand at all times

Some therapy with Ben and Jerry can really cure all the self loathing you will be dealing with this holiday season, so keep it on hand. When your mom asks you why your pants do not fit anymore, you can just whip that bad boy out and go to town. I am FAT and PROUD, Mom, OK?

4. Hang out with the kids

Remember how you could not wait to reach the grown-up table? Well, now you are there and it is not all it was cracked up to be. Go back to the kids’ table; it is OK, I promise. Your 3-year-old nephew will not judge you for eating a third plate and two pieces of pie.

5. Don’t let anyone make you feel like a cotton headed ninny muggin

Remember, you are an amazing person and have a lot of amazing things going for you. Do not get too down on yourself. Text your bestie; they for sure will build you back up.

Your family members are yours and no matter how much you want to kill them this holiday season, they really do mean well. They just want to make sure you are on the right track to continue being the perfect human they have loved since the day you entered the world.

So take a deep breathe text your bestie who is going through the same thing and vent it out. I promise we will all make it through this together, Bearcats.

THE STROLLER:
Your Bearcat wants you to say goodbye

December graduates often get overlooked. There is no spring flurry and pretty pink dresses, no graduation cards and cakes lining store shelves. There is just more and more glitter-covered commercial Christmas. And graduates notice.

Your almost-alumni wants you to take the time to say goodbye. If you know a graduating senior, tell him or her what he or she means to you. Maybe go for coffee at Starbucks one last time before saying goodbye. Throw a killer party to send him or her off. Even though it is freezing outside and chicken noodle soup and a nap sound preferable, give him or her the time to celebrate. Fireball is in now season, too.

Write your graduates a note, or just tell them you will miss them. Trust me, I know they will miss you too. They are having a tough time letting go, and they need your support and congratulations to make it all seem okay. Let them know you think they have a bright, shiny future

ahead of them. They might not think that right now.

Also, lay off the pressure. Go ahead and ask them what they plan to do next, but do not ask it every day. “I don’t know” is an answer. Do not look down on them for hanging out in the ‘Ville for a bit to figure things out.

Do not pressure them into graduate school, or tell them they need to settle down and be an adult. Let things work themselves out. They need your friendship now, not your judgement. You might find it is not as easy as it appears when you are in the same position.

Be kind, be supportive, and let the good times roll because some of these people will say goodbye to you for the last time in three weeks, and they need to know you care.

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Senior Cole Phillips receives encouraging words from head coach Matt Webb after state title loss to Monett.

SENIORS
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The team made an effort to remain extra focused on the task at hand this year around. “It is very emotional,” Tripp said. “As a team, our first loss as a senior class was our sophomore year. It was a tough thing to swallow. Working in the summer, it was always in the back of our mind.” Senior running back Elijah Green made a strong statement about the state of this year’s team heading into the playoffs. He looks back on the two losses as a lesson to where the Spoofhounds came out to be this year. “Our team chemistry is a heck of a lot different,” Green said. “Everybody on this team is pretty much like brothers. We all love each other to death. We do anything on this field to win the game

for each other.” Green rushed for 837 yards and 13 touchdowns this season. He also had 66 tackles (36 solo, 30 assists) and one-point-five sacks for a loss of five yards. Tripp was the only one to have a higher statistical performance with 68 tackles (41 solo, 27 assists) and eight-point-five sacks for a loss of 63 yards. A large part of Maryville’s success this year also came from the relationship between Oglesby and Zimmerman. The two connected for 754 yards and 16 touchdowns on 34 receptions this season. Next in line was Golightly, with 350 yards and four touchdowns on 20 receptions. “Me and Trey have been playing since third grade,” Zimmerman said. “That is really how we have so much chemistry. All of the seniors have been playing together since sixth, seventh grade. We just know we can trust

each other.” Another key senior included was running back Bob Bruckner. Bruckner rushed for 1008 yards and 11 touchdowns. Underclassman such as sophomore wide receiver Eli Dowis also played a major role in the Spoofhound strategy. There is no doubt each of the other seniors played as equal of a role as the ones listed above. Webb described his thoughts on his four senior captains at the state press conference, but his final words of the season can also be applied to his thoughts on the other 18 seniors. “What makes them the most special is the character inside,” Webb said. “I’ve been around these guys for four years, and watching them become men is one of the most rewarding things about being a football coach. In our sport and our community, these guys are loved and I’m extremely proud of the people they’ve turned into.”

2016 SPOOFHOUND FOOTBALL

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Scoring:

Overall points

MHS: 716 Opponents: 150

Total offensive yardage

MHS: 6,331 Opponents: 3,022

Takeaways

MHS: 32 Opponents: 15

Graduating seniors

Cole Phillips CB
Tomas Coalson S
Cayden Dunbar RB/CB
Matt Twaddle RB/S
Elijah Green RB/LB
Trey Hoover LB
Corby Roush RB/CB
John Zimmerman RB/CB
Trey Oglesby QB
Bryce Farlin WR/CB
Jackson Golightly WR

Spencer Morrison WR/S
Bob Bruckner RB
Ethan Voss TE/DT
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ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

SPOOFHOUNDS



D’Vante Mosby



The senior put up a career-high 23 points in Northwest’s 89-55 victory over Concordia. Mosby also recorded nine rebounds in his 23 minutes of play.

Jasmin Howe



The senior tied her career-high with 20 points in Northwest’s 65-68 loss to Missouri S&T. She also added three rebounds and two steals.

Spencer Morrison



The senior put up 10 points in the boys basketball 44-27 season opener against Savannah. Morrison also had a nine-yard touchdown reception in the Class 3 Football Championship.

Abby Greeley



The senior put up 19 points in girls basketball’s 59-51 victory over St. Joseph Central’s junior varsity team.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Women's guard Macy Williams locks into her defensive position as she eyes junior guard Shanae Collins Nov. 16 against Bellevue. Bearcats defeated the Bruins 69-55.

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SPORTS

Bearcats confident in balanced attack

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Coming off of two rough outings, Northwest is well positioned to bounce back with conference play looming.



Subsequent to Northwest's (5-0) hot start were two losses to William Jewell College 53-64 and Missouri S&T 65-68. Both losses included a less-than-ideal effort in the area of ball security with Northwest committing, on average, 8.5 more turnovers than each opponent.

Conversely, Northwest has outperformed a majority of its opponents in its ability to connect on shots from the field. In fact, Northwest has outshot every team it has played this season with the exception of Ouachita Baptist in the season opener.

Players have spoken about coach Buck Scheel's emphasis on shooting, citing a change to the training regimen. Because of this, the team is shooting at a 46 percent rate, a 5 percent increase from a year ago.

"We have mandatory shooting times," junior Taryne Shull said. "Having that repetition throughout the week has really helped us."

Not only has Northwest been more efficient than its opponents in shooting the ball, it is also out re-

bounding opponents 37.9 to 31.9 per game. Thanks to juniors Taryne Shull (6.8 RPG) and Tanya Meyer (9.8 RPG), Northwest has witnessed an increase in second chance points while limiting extended possessions for the opposing team.

Northwest now enters conference play, an area that it struggled to find success in a year ago, finishing with a 3-19 record against inter-conference opponents.

In order to find success as the season wears on, Northwest will count on the development of sophomores Arbrie Benson and Macy Williams. Benson is third on the team in scoring, assists and rebounds while Williams leads the team in assists with 6.9 per game.

Northwest's two losses were a result of a problem that has plagued it from the start of the season. Opponents have excelled in taking care of the ball while playing Northwest, only committing 8.9 turnovers. Northwest averages 13.3 per game.

"His (Scheel) biggest things are low turnovers and high offensive rebounds," Williams said. "If we do those two things and knock down every shot, then we should win."

Northwest's ability to knock down shots is meaningless if it continues to give opponents extra possessions via turnovers.

Although Northwest has some rough spots that need polishing, it has witnessed a drastic improvement over where it was a season ago. For one, Northwest finished the 2015-2016 campaign with five wins. This season, Northwest has already recorded its fifth win and conference play has yet to start.

"Collectively, we have a lot of chemistry," Williams said. "We had scorers last year but any given night someone could go off."

The balance of this year's team has shown itself through the first few weeks of the season. Whenever Meyer does not lead the team in scoring, Benson is there to contribute. When those two are having an off night, senior Jasmin Howe's 15.9 points per game offers a consistent option that will serve as a key piece down the stretch.

Northwest has already reached its win total from a year ago, but the potential to exceed that is there. Now Scheel must figure out a way to fine-tune some of the team's issues, and this year's team will be ready to make a run in conference play.

NEXT GAME

Missouri Western @ Northwest

Dec. 6 @ 5:30 p.m.

Tenacity proves to be crucial in 'Hounds win

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The Maryville girls basketball team's hard work and aggressive attitude led to a 59-51 victory over St. Joseph Central Tuesday Nov. 29.



The Spoofhounds took an early lead and never lost control. At the end of the first quarter the score was 15-7. The 'Hounds extended that lead and finished the first half leading 30-18.

The Indians put up a fight in the third quarter and came within five points, but Maryville quickly pulled away. Coach Quentin Albrecht credits the win to his team's high level of tenacity and determination.

"I think it all boiled down to effort," Albrecht said. "I thought we had a lot of energy. We made several mistakes but we were able to overcome that because we played really hard."

Maryville struggled with scoring throughout the game, especially from behind the free-throw line. The Spoofhounds shot 55.6 percent, only making 15 out of 27 free-throw attempts.

According to Albrecht, the poor shooting was counteracted by the players' mental toughness. When the girls missed a shot or made a bad pass they did not let that define how they played the rest of the game.

"We preach 'control the things

you can control,' and we can definitely control the mental processes," Albrecht said. "It's about not letting a mistake down on the offensive end affect what you're doing down on the defensive end."

Senior forward Abbie Greeley is the driving force behind Maryville's aggressive style of play. Greeley led the team in scoring with 19 points. She is also one of the key leaders on the team in both practice and games, according to Albrecht.

"I think Abbie was just a beast, and if you could go back and watch that film I think you would probably see her belly on the court at least half a dozen times," Albrecht said. "She just sacrificed herself so many times on the court."

Right behind Greeley in scoring was sophomore guard Emma Baldwin, who scored 18 points. Late in the fourth quarter Baldwin dove for the ball, causing her right leg to cramp up. This forced her to exit the game, but not for long. Baldwin powered through her injury and returned to the game a few minutes later after being cleared by her coaches.

Both Baldwin and Greeley played important parts in Maryville's win Tuesday night. Albrecht expects they will continue to lead the team in points and dedication throughout the season.

"I think they will play big roles for us this season," Albrecht

said. "We don't have a tremendous amount of depth right now and we are still trying to develop some girls to work their way off the bench, but until that time comes we have to have it from those two."

For Greeley, it is all about being resilient on the court and going after everything. Diving for the ball and going after difficult rebounds can be the difference in a win or a loss. She always makes sure to give it her maximum effort.

"Toughness is the key," Greeley said. "You have to be tough the entire time, because if you slack once that could be it. So you have to play hard the entire game."

Along with remaining resilient, Albrecht also says that being consistent will be crucial to the Spoofhounds' success this season. They need to remain strong and hardworking every single game, and they have not been able to do that yet.

"We played really well in our jamboree and then we played really poorly against Jefferson," Albrecht said. "I think consistency is going to be a major factor for us this season."

NEXT GAME

Staley vs Maryville @ Savannah

Dec. 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

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Fort Hays St.....	4-2	0-0
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Missouri Southern.....	4-2	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	4-2	0-0
Emporia St.....	2-5	0-0
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Junior forward Chris-Ebou Ndow aborbs the hit from Concordia senior center Justin Damme before making a layup, Nov. 26.

Bearcats enter MIAA play with hot hand

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An undefeated non-conference showing could not have been a better start for the Northwest Missouri men’s basketball team.



The No. 3 Bearcats (6-0) have faced a wide range of talent through the first six games.

A free throw contest was enough to edge an above average Metro State (4-2) team 66-64. A convincing 82-71 victory over defending national champions Augustana (5-1) was a sight to behold. In addition, the team’s most recent shredding of Concordia Nebraska (5-4) 89-55 ended up being the icing on the cake.

“It prepared us a lot,” junior Chris-Ebou Ndow said. “I think coach Mac(McCollum) did it on purpose because he wanted us to get ready. We feel ready for conference and we just need to focus on ourselves.”

Ndow has been a just what the doctor ordered since returning to the lineup. After missing the first two games of the season due to an injury, the junior has been Mr. Consistent.

Shooting 57.1 percent from the field, along with a 46.7 three-point percentage, are just a few admirable statistics Ndow has accumulated. The 6’ 6” forward out of Stavanger, Norway has also added 12.8 points per game and averages five rebounds per game.

Another consistent player the Bearcat team has found is freshman Ryan Welty. While the talented shooting guard doesn’t stuff the stat sheet with points, he has become a go-to three-point specialist converting more than 64 percent of his shots from downtown.

These role players are only a small piece of the offensive output the Bearcats have been able to produce. Other key players include

the always-crowd-pleasing Justin Pitts, the all-time three-point shooter Zach Schneider and the multi-dimensional point guard/shooting guard Anthony Woods.

All four have been leaders by example thus far and seem to be the catalyst behind this year’s redemption team that will once again make a run at a national title.

McCollum is impressed but still focused on Wednesday’s contest against Central Oklahoma. McCollum was adamant in recognizing the significant play by his bench early on.

“Now it’s on to conference,” McCollum said. “They (the bench players) need significant minutes to see how they will react in those types of situations in case we need them.”

Ndow also mentioned the importance of moving forward after the Concordia victory.

“This was the last game before going into conference,” Ndow said. “Really, our focus was just on our second half play and I think we did that pretty well.”

Over the first six games, two teams stand out, including Lake Superior State and Augustana. Both are the only two teams to outscore the Bearcats in the second half of play.

Delivering a blow to Concordia served as a checkpoint for McCollum and his team. The coach was able to witness all 12 of his players find the stat sheet in the scoring category.

“We’ve got very good depth at every position,” McCollum said. “Depth that I trust.”

The Bearcats will begin a string of three home games starting Tuesday against rival Missouri Western. The following games include contests pitting the Bearcats against Central Missouri and Missouri Valley.

NEXT GAME

Missouri Western @ Northwest
Dec. 6 @ 7:30 p.m.

‘Hounds transition from turf to hardwood

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Spoofhound Basketball opened its season with a 44-27 win over Savannah two days after the Class 3 football State Championship.



The team had one day of practice as a whole with 11 of its 22 members listed on the football and basketball rosters. The practice lasted for an hour and a half.

“We lost the state championship on Saturday,” sophomore forward Eli Dowis said. “That’s a bummer but we were hyped. We realized basketball season is coming up. We all just love basketball. We were all excited to get out here and play.”

Dowis joined senior point guard Trey Oglesby, senior point guard John Zimmerman, senior shooting guard Spencer Morrison and senior shooting guard Jackson Golightly as

the starting five for the Spoofhounds against Savannah. The five had one official practice with the team prior to taking the court.

Each of the starters put up a combined 36 points. Support from players off the bench also helped Maryville surpass the Savages.

“We gave up 27 points practicing once,” coach Matt Stoecklein said. “Their effort and energy is not even where it’s going to be at the end of the season once we get in shape and once we get everyone doing it.”

Dowis put up five points in the game. Two of the points came from a dunk late in the second quarter to give the Spoofhounds a 15-5 lead with 3:29 left in the half.

“It felt good,” Dowis said. “My shots weren’t falling, so I knew I had to put some points on the board somehow. My opportunity came and I threw a dunk.”

Morrison and Golightly put up

10 points each in the game. Zimmerman was right behind the two, putting up nine. Each of the other five to play in the game scored five points or less.

Stoecklein credited the spread in scoring to the unselfishness of his team.

“One of the things we’ve talked about is we’re not playing the number, we’re playing for the name,” Stoecklein said. “It doesn’t matter who gets 16 and who gets two, we’re playing for Maryville and that is one of our goals this year.”

Both teams showed rust in the first quarter. Maryville began to find its grip through the remaining three quarters of the game. Stoecklein recognized there would be missed shots in the game, but was surprised by the regularity of them throughout the game.

“I honestly thought we would shoot a little better than that,” Stoecklein said. “They had been in the gym shooting throughout the

course of the football season. First game jitters, first game crowd, you are a little more hyped up. So when you are in practice shooting not all that energy is in your body.”

The success of Spoofhound football has historically caused boys basketball to begin its first month of practices without some members of its team. Summer camps and shoot arounds have become a crucial part to establishing the identity for the Spoofhound multisport athletes.

“A lot of those kids are going to miss so much of the beginning of the season,” Stoecklein said. We have to balance in play and how we want to set up in the summer to make sure they understand it.”

Spoofhound basketball has prepared for the first game of the season on the court since the beginning of November. In the absence of the football team, other upperclassmen leaders stepped up to develop the fundamentals of a successful basket-

ball team.

“This separate group really gets a chance to go after each other and get back into the swing of things, junior Jake Woods said. “Once the football players get back, we can make them better and as far as a team get better.”

The period without football athletes also gave time for freshmen to adjust to the culture of high school basketball alongside upperclassmen. The freshmen traditionally begin practicing by themselves after the full team returns.

“It is nice for the freshmen to see how these upperclassman behave and act in practice,” Stoecklein said. “The freshmen see that effort and energy, and they learn from that.”

NEXT GAME

Maryville vs Platte County @ Savannah
Dec. 1 @ 4 p.m.



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Disbelief

Class of 2017 leaves legacy in Maryville despite state loss

Senior Ryan Ownes shows emotion as his Spoofhound football career comes to an end after a loss against Monett for the Class 3 State Championship Game in Springfield, MO.

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Spoofhound football sat in shock following a 27-18 loss to Monett in the Class 3 Show-Me-Bowl.



Maryville (14-1) left the first half with a 12-7 lead over the Cubs (14-1). Three turnovers, combined with a bad punt snap, turned the game in the Cubs' advantage.

"It was a heck of a football game," coach Matt Webb said. "The Cubs went out and made the plays to win the football game. At the same time, I'm really proud of our team and our football program. I'm very humbled to be the head football coach at Maryville."

Seniors sat on the sideline, uncertain of their future in the game. It was supposed to be their moment.

They had worked hard, along with the younger athletes, to lead the team back to a State Championship. The moments from summer conditioning to the final snap of the Class 3 Show-Me-Bowl showed that.

"You don't want to lose a state championship game," senior quarterback Trey Oglesby said. "It is weird that it's all over. One loss

doesn't define you. We are just in high school. We will go out and do better things if we win a state championship or lose a state championship. Don't let it be the best moment of your life."

The Class of 2017 arrived to Maryville High School during Webb's second season as head coach. Together, the seniors witnessed the Spoofhounds' trek to their second state title in two years.

Each of the 22 seniors set out to etch their own names in Spoofhound history before they stripped themselves of green and yellow for the final time.

"In Maryville you grow up playing football together, basketball together (and) baseball. You grow up together as a community," Webb said. "We are obviously hurting today because of the loss, but the senior class with their wins and records will be remembered for being a dominant football program and team."

The journey for most of the Class of 2017 began in the Bantam Midland Empire Youth Football League (MEYFL). Some began playing in the league as early as third grade.

Teammates came and went, but

the core stuck together. Kirby Morrison, the father of senior wide receiver Spencer Morrison, had the opportunity to witness the talent in the making.

"From the first day of practice in third grade, you could tell they had talent, but what really stood out was how focused and coachable they were," Kirby Morrison said. "It doesn't surprise me the least bit that they are in this position, and I know they were determined to finish what they started all those years ago."

By the sixth grade, at least 19 of the 22 seniors were playing in a league of some shape or form. Ten seniors helped lead their team, the Maryville Hounds, to a MEYFL championship in the same season.

Opponents used the phrase "It's just Maryville" to describe the Hounds all season. The outcome of the season was the exact opposite.

Oglesby, Morrison, Jake White, Trey Hoover, John Zimmerman, Tucker Tripp, Jackson Golightly, Garret Sparks, Jacob Gray and Blake Schreck combined their efforts together to produce an 8-0 football team. They outscored their opponents 242-0.

The group of seniors united

as a whole come eighth grade at Maryville Middle School. At the time, Webb was leading the Spoofhounds to the 2012 Class 3 State Championship. The group began to realize what expectations were once they arrived to Maryville High School.

When they arrived, the senior class fit into the program naturally. By the time this group entered sophomore year, Oglesby was named the starting quarterback.

At that point, he began to develop into one of the key weapons of the highly versatile offense.

"The coaches know you are out there busting your butt for them," Oglesby said. "They do the same thing for you. If you don't give them a reason not to trust you, they are going to trust you. I just go out there and try a game and play smart and do what the coaches want me to do."

The 2014 season ended in a quarterfinal loss to Oak Grove. Oglesby finished with nine completions, 143 yards and three interceptions.

The seniors' junior year ended in the same round against Odessa.

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Bearcats set to face statistical top dog

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After delivering a 44-13 thumping to Emporia State, Northwest Missouri continues its run at the program's sixth national title.



The No. 1 Bearcats (12-0) extend the nation's active longest win streak to 27 and turn their attention to No. 5 Harding (13-0).

The Bearcat defense will have its hands full as the Bison have accumulated Division II's best rushing offense, averaging 381.5 yards per game.

"We can't waste any drives. We need to make sure that when we get out there we do the best of our capabilities to score, because we're not going to get as many touches," senior offensive lineman Kyle Meyer said.

The Bison enter the contest following a narrow 27-24 victory over No. 4 Sioux Falls (12-1).

The last time these two teams met was Nov. 17, 2012. The Bearcats humbled the Bison in a 35-0 win.

Harding has run the triple option offense throughout this season as well as four years ago when the two teams met. The Bison finished the game with nine different ball carriers and four different players attempting passes.

This season the rushing attack is led by quarterback Park Perish. The dual-threat senior has stacked up 1,850 all-purpose yards as well as

26 total touchdowns.

Other key backs the Bison will be turning to include senior Michael Latu, junior Grant Kimberlin and freshman Romer Reades.

Not only does Harding have one of the most potent offenses in the country, but its defense is ranked at the top as well. Only surrendering 245.6 yards per game places them at the No. 1 total defense in the country.

Statistically, Harding has an advantage in almost every category.

"They blitz a lot," senior offensive lineman Chase Sherman said. "The thing that sticks out to us the most is how fast they get off the ball. They are in your face right away. They really get after it."

Though the Bison defense may be staggering, the Bearcat's defense has been ranked right with it. Giving up an average 3.93 yards per play is the best average amongst all Division II defenses.

Statistics only tell half the story. Northwest Missouri has been playing in what many claim is the toughest conference in the country. Three of the 10 teams in the MIAA represent the top-20 list in the AFCA coaches poll. After the loss, Emporia State's nine-year head coach Garin Higgins made a statement regarding the competitive nature of the MIAA.

"This is the best Division II football conference in the country, period," Higgins said. "I'll get in any argument with anybody. They (Northwest) have won 27 games in a row and for them to get up each and every Saturday and for them to domi-

nate the game is impressive."

According to Higgins, the recipe to defeat the Bearcats may not exist.

"I could probably make up an answer but just to be honest, I really don't know," Higgins said. "Maybe a few of those defensive lineman get sick or something."

This will be the first time this season that Northwest Missouri will play an opponent outside the MIAA.

When compared to other teams across the MIAA, Sherman could only find a connection with one team that showed the most adversity this season.

"Personally, I think they are closest to Fort Hays State," Sherman said.

The Bearcats edged Fort Hays earlier this season 28-7. This was the only game in which Northwest Missouri was held to less than 40 points on offense.

Northwest Missouri is at home this weekend and since 2010 are 43-3 at Bearcat Stadium.

"If they are going to beat us, they're going to have to do it here," Northwest Missouri coach Adam Dorrel said.

A reminder that student tickets will be free for this Saturday's game against Harding and are available in the administration building. This deal will be available until game time as tickets at the gate will be \$5.

NEXT GAME

Harding @ Northwest
Dec. 3 @ 1 p.m.



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Junior wide receiver Jordan Bishop breaks free into the secondary on his way to a 52-yard touchdown reception in the Bearcats 44-13 win over Emporia Nov. 26.